
Introduced Version

**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

Introduced by: Grubb

A RESOLUTION recognizing the strength and courage of
Erin Bailey Hunsberger.

*Whereas, Erin Bailey Hunsberger (Bailey) was born on
April 3, 1992, with a severe heart defect known as aortic
stenosis, an abnormal narrowing of the aortic valve;*

*Whereas, At three days old, Bailey underwent her first open
heart procedure, but her long- term prognosis remained bleak;*

*Whereas, Bailey battled congestive heart failure for the
next four years before undergoing her next open heart
procedure, an eight hour operation that helped to make Bailey's
life somewhat normal for the next eight years;*

20082216



Whereas, However, by age 11 Bailey's left ventricle began showing scarring that significantly limited her heart function;

Whereas, Bailey was forced to undergo a third surgery to remove scar tissue and to attach a device known as a Berlin Heart, a 200 pound box on wheels containing an electrical drive system powering a pumping device the size of a hockey puck attached to the heart by two small cannulas inserted through holes in the stomach;

Whereas, Bailey was placed on a heart transplant list and remained hospitalized for approximately five months following the surgery, during which time no donor heart was found for her;

Whereas, Bailey's courage and determination paid off when she learned from her doctors that the time spent on the Berlin Heart had given her heart the time it needed to heal;

Whereas, Bailey was removed from the heart transplant list and allowed to go home and return to normal activities;

Whereas, Unfortunately, Bailey's health problems were not completely solved;

Whereas, 2007 found Bailey battling for her life again due to persistent problems with an irregular heart rate and two leaking heart valves that were in need of repair;

Whereas, As has been a tradition with Bailey, she came through her fifth heart operation and headed home and back to school;

Whereas, Bailey continues to devote time to those causes that promote public awareness of children's health issues; and

Whereas, Erin Bailey Hunsberger has endured much during her short life, and through it all she has remained positive and determined; courage and determination like hers serve as a shining example for all of us: Therefore,



*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives wishes to
2 express its admiration and respect for the courage and perseverance
3 displayed by Erin Bailey Hunsberger throughout her young life.
4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Erin Bailey
6 Hunsberger and her family.

20082216

HR 1509/DI 84+

2008

